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Elizabeth Alexander
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Catch a free lecture from poet Elizabeth Alexander, who read her work at President Obama's inauguration, at 4 p.m. Tuesday at UIC Forum (725 W. Roosevelt Rd.). RSVP recommended: gwsinfo@uic.edu.

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To benefit

View two episodes of the sitcom-style comedy show "Tomato/Tomatoe" on Tuesday to raise money for the Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute at 7:30 p.m. at Donny's Skybox Theatre (1608 N. Wells St.). \$20.

To network

Meet employment experts and job recruiters at an Out of Work Chicago event from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday at Midtown Kitchen (203 N. LaSalle St.). \$10-\$20.



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Aye, aye caption

Text us a funny caption for the photo at left and we'll print the best in Wednesday's RedEye. To give it a shot, text the word "**caption**" followed by your brief caption and your name to **87708**. Good luck!



«Monday's winning caption: "And now for my next armpit tune: William Tell Overture!" — LMo

Celeb twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to dlhernandez@tribune.com. For Tuesday, we have Tatiana Garrett. Think she's a ringer for Cameron Diaz? Text "**twin**" and the number of your opinion to **87708**. You'll get the poll results instantly. 1. Dead on 2. Way off



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More April-like but still a little on the chilly side



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A police officer walks through the center of L'Aquila, the epicenter of Monday's early-morning earthquake in central Italy. GETTY IMAGES

EARTHQUAKE DEVASTATES ITALY

Tens of thousands left homeless as buildings crumble around them

Associated Press

L'AQUILA, Italy A powerful earthquake in mountainous central Italy knocked down whole blocks of buildings early Monday as residents slept, killing at least 150 people in the country's deadliest quake in nearly three decades. Tens of thousands were homeless and 1,500 were injured.

Ambulances screamed through the medieval city of L'Aquila as firefighters with dogs and a crane worked feverishly to reach people trapped in fallen buildings, including a university dormitory where half a dozen students were believed still inside.

Outside the half-collapsed building, part of the University of L'Aquila, tearful young people huddled together, wrapped in blankets, some still in their slippers after being roused from sleep by the quake. Dozens

HOW SEVERE?

The U.S. Geological Survey said the big quake was magnitude 6.3, but Italy's National Institute of Geophysics put it at 5.8. More than a dozen aftershocks followed.

managed to escape as the dorm walls fell around them but hours after the quake, a body of a male student was pulled from the rubble.

"We managed to come down with other students but we had to sneak through a hole in the stairs as the whole floor came down," said student Luigi Alfonsi, 22. "I was in bed—it was like it would never end as I heard pieces of the building collapse around me."

"There was water gushing out of broken water pipes, and the corridor which led to the stairs was partially blocked when a piece of the wall came down," Alfonsi, his eyes filling with tears and his hands trembling, told The Associated Press.

Some 10,000 to 15,000 buildings were

either damaged or destroyed, officials said. L'Aquila Mayor Massimo Cialente said about 100,000 people were homeless. It was not clear if the mayor's estimate included surrounding towns.

The quake also has taken a severe toll on the city's prized architectural heritage. L'Aquila was built as a mountain stronghold during the Middle Ages and has many prized Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance buildings.

Parts of many of the ancient churches and castles in and around the city have collapsed. Centuries-old churches in many isolated villages in the area are believed partly collapsed, and damage to ancient monuments has been reported as far as Rome.

The quake hit 26 towns and cities around L'Aquila, which lies in a valley surrounded by the Apennine mountains. Castelnovo, a hamlet of about 300 people 15 miles (25 kilometers) southeast of L'Aquila, appeared hard hit, and five were confirmed dead there. Another small town, Onno, was almost leveled.

Flying high(er)

Associated Press

U.S. air carriers took some of the hassle out of flying last year.

Led by Hawaiian Airlines, the industry had its best performance in four years in 2008, private researchers said Monday in their annual study of airline quality, based on government statistics.

Right behind Hawaiian in the overall ratings of 17 airlines were AirTran Airways and JetBlue Airways. The legacy airlines—American, Continental, Delta and United—were clustered in the middle, while regional air carriers filled out the bottom rungs.

After its worst year for customer complaints in more than a decade in 2007, the airline industry last year flew fewer people but treated them better, arriving on time more often and losing fewer bags. Passengers also were not as apt to be bumped from flights by overbooking, which was a big problem when airlines were running at or over capacity.

The downside: Fewer flights, higher prices—some airlines now charge extra for any luggage—and fewer frills.

The average on-time performance last year was 3 percentage points better than the year before, yet nearly one-quarter of all flights were late.

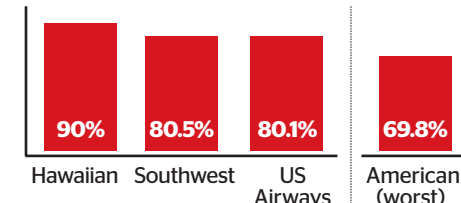
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

The study found consumer complaints dipped from 1.42 per 100,000 passengers in 2007 to 1.15 in 2008. Southwest Airlines had the best rate, only 0.25 complaints per 100,000 passengers; US Airways had the worst rate, 2.25.

IN THE BAG

The mishandled baggage rate fell from 7.01 bags per 1,000 passengers in 2007 to 5.19 bags in 2008. AirTran did the best job, with 2.87 mishandled bags per 1,000 passengers.

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Christina
Lisigakis, 18,
Rogers Park

Stop all of this Grand-standing

Grand old time

Pardon my language, but what the fudge is going on with the renovation of the Grand and State Red Line stop? That's a recurring question from riders, some of whom say they have chalked it up to a CTA delay.

But we can't blame the transit agency for this Grand-standing. The city's Department of Transportation is responsible for this \$67 million project, "one of the most complex" the agency has undertaken, according to CDOT spokesman Brian Steele, who said "working in such a tight space—while managing pedestrian and vehicle traffic—has been a challenge."

This winter's record snowfall and subzero temps didn't help matters, and in fact delayed the first part of the project, Steele said. But the renovation still is on track for the original completion date in 2010, Steele said.

Paper chase

A Hollywood Park rider applauds the CTA's efforts to recycle newspapers but isn't pleased with some of the apparent execution of it.

"As the employees clean out the trash from the train cars at the end of the line (Kimball and Lawrence) those discarded newspapers get tossed in the regular garbage cans along with the other trash," Debbie Grossman wrote in an e-mail. "I guess it's just too much trouble to take an extra moment to separate the newspapers from the other trash."

CTA trash is sorted by an outside vendor after all the trash has been collected, and an additional vendor handles trash materials including oil and batteries, CTA spokeswoman Wanda Taylor said. The transit agency also maintains separate containers for other recycling efforts, including at garages and rail yards to separate materials including scrap metals and aluminum cans.

Gone, but not forgotten

Nowadays, quite a few riders know where their bus is, courtesy of next bus-tracker technology live on about 72 percent of the CTA's 153 routes.

But there are some buses we can't exactly track with a GPS.

Those are the approximately 200 articulated buses removed from the streets in late February after the agency found structural cracks in one of the vehicles. It's been a while since we saw these biggie-sized, accordion-style vehicles.

A Gage Park rider wants to know what gives.

"It seems they are just trying to act as though this never happened," Ramon Lopez wrote to "Going Public." "Are we ever going to see these buses [again]?"

The buses—still out of commission—are being inspected for viability, according to Taylor, who said the CTA still is waiting for a final report from an outside engineering firm hired to assess the vehicles.



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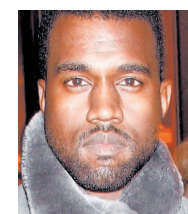
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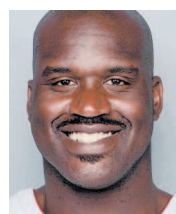
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d John Mayer



e Kanye West



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1 "Remember the seventies / a young girl in nyc / meets a pimp/he cons her into a life of illusion / she works for him."

2 "If you have something to say to me, say it to my face—that's what I have believed my whole life—don't be a coward and say it to others first, let alone all the media in the world ..."

3 "For all those just tuning in. I'm 6 and half hrs in on a 36 hour tantric sex session. Welcome."

4 "I am sick of negative people who just sit around trying 2 plot my downfall ... Why???? I understand if people don't like me because I like me or if people think tight clothes look gay or people say I run my mouth too much, but this Bonnaroo thing is the worst insult I've ever had in my life."

5 "Welding an engagement ring for my girlfriend."

6 "Shhhhhhhh"

ANSWERS: A-3; B-2; C-1; D-5; E-4; F-6

Who cares?

There are more avenues than ever to express yourself—but some information is too much

By Kyra Kyles | REDEYE

Lauri Apple does not want to be your random Facebook friend.

She doesn't want your tweets.

In fact, don't text her at all. The Lakeview resident doesn't even have SMS capability on her cell phone.

Apple, a visual artist and photographer, prefers real-world interactions to virtual ones, she said. In January, Apple returned from a monthlong Facebook hiatus, slashing her 350 friend count down to 50.

"I get all these comments from people like, 'I'm so lonely, and I have no one to talk to me,'" Apple, 33, said of some in her circle of online-oriented companions. "I always want to ask: 'Why are you choosing to Gchat this to me? Why don't you call me, or let's go to a coffee shop and have a conversation with inflection and feeling?'"

Apple may be an exception in a world where people increasingly use MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, blogs and even multiplayer online games to communicate with like-minded individuals, sometimes including what might have previously been considered dirty details of their lives. Locals told RedEye their friends have posted play-by-play updates about of intimate aspects of their sex lives, disdain for a current boss or a messy breakup. Some even have been driven to delete a friend for oversharing.

That was the case for Angela Walker, a Markham resident who said she nixed her own brother as a Facebook friend because of over-the-top status messages rife with profanity and misogynistic musings.

"I warned him several times: 'Clean it up or I'm going to delete you,'" said Walker, 37, of her younger bro's updates. "I even had a status [update] that said, 'My potty-mouthed brother is going to get deleted.' He didn't stop. He got deleted."

Celebs, too, are in tell-all mode when it comes to the Interwebs.

Last month, Ashton Kutcher put a photo of wife Demi Moore's underwear-clad tush on his Twitter page and tweeted "shhh don't tell wifey." Diddy recently live-tweeted the details of a tantric sex session, one-upping past YouTube videos where he showed off his morning mouth-crust.

Meanwhile, it's getting even easier to share online.

A new Twitter application allows users to automatically tweet their Facebook status to both friends and followers. Last month, popular and profane testimonial site **fmylife.com** launched a mobile version for contributors clamoring to submit their most humiliating moments for public scrutiny. That includes a posting from "caughtontape" who 'fessed up to having a noticeable erection during a group yearbook shot.

Yeeesh.

The walls of privacy have crumbled down around us. Welcome to TMI Nation. Population: you.

The "me, me, me" focus of online updates makes Average Janes feel like Angelina Jolie and Joe Blows like George Clooney, according to Talmadge Wright, an associate professor of sociology at Loyola University. The tendency toward TMI is almost irresistible when there are so many places to share, Wright said. Still, Wright and others said, oversharing isn't all bad.

Beverly resident Stradford Stone II, a self-proclaimed Facebook fanatic, uses the medium to promote his upcoming Best Blog in the Whole World. He says the site is the best place to plant his observations about relationships or reveal pop culture trivia tidbits.

But what bothers Stone is that some people share too much too



Artist Lauri Apple
BRIAN J. MOROWCZYNSKI
FOR REDEYE



To spill or not to spill?

What do you think? Are we living in a world of TMI? Text **"tmi"** and the number of your opinion to **87708**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

1. Sharing is caring. 2. Yes—now shut up.

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many times a day, and their boorish behavior leaks into the real world.

"I've noticed at parties lately that everyone—and I mean everyone—shoots pictures of themselves, and I know it's for their profiles," said Stone, 27, recalling the time he had to dodge a group of female partygoers who were capturing each other's every move.

"I had to say, 'Hold up, I don't want to be on your Facebook page,'" said Stone, 27. "Don't get me in the shot."

But for some experts, TMI is what makes the Internet a unifying force.

Online freedoms and communities are the antithesis of a stilted "privacy" movement that emerged during the Victorian era, according to Loyola's Wright, who has studied the social interaction of online gamers since 2000. Wright said that the impromptu sense of community and freedom of expression within those gamer communities can be extrapolated to interactions within Facebook, MySpace and YouTube video diaries.

"We spend so much time as adults overscheduled and going from appointment to appointment," Wright said. "There are so few places you can just be yourself and get outside of everyday life. We have so many demands that we didn't have to face even 40 years ago."

Tweeting to your friends about topics from a pending divorce to sadness over a sick pet brings back an overarching sense of solidarity and connectedness missing from modern society, Wright said.

"There are some bad people out there, but it would surprise you how many good people are out there," Wright said. "And the sympathy they will extend to you when and if you need it can be astonishing." **KKYLES@TRIBUNE.COM**

TMI over time

The "look at me" era didn't just begin, girlfriend. Check out RedEye's evolution of TMI, beginning with the ultimate soul-baring tool. **KYRA KYLES**



The Chatroom

These virtual "rooms" were the great-

granddad of today's social networking sites, peaking in popularity during the '90s. You could meet new friends, arrange to talk to real ones within certain rooms, and tell other chat members, yes, you chose Halle Berry or Brad Pitt as your avatar because that's who you most closely resemble anyway.



Talk shows

Geraldo. Phil Donahue. And, oh yes, Oprah

Winfrey. These are some of the daytime talk kings and queens who brought everyday folks center stage to make shocking personal revelations. Such shows eventually paved the way for Jerry Springer, Jenny Jones and Maury Povich, the latter of whom introduced us this now ubiquitous line: "You are NOT the father!"



Reality TV

When "Real World"

exploded onto the scene, it let regular Joes and Janes spill their guts in a way that continues to this very day with shows including "The Hills" and "The City." Original "Real World: New Yorkers," including Heather B., the ab-tastic Eric and naive Julie, got the bare-it-all ball rolling.



YouTube

"Broadcast yourself," YouTube said, and its

millions of members replied: "Don't mind if I do." The popular, Google-owned site packed with girl fights, adorable pets and exploding snack foods continues to be the home of insta-celebrities seeking to milk 15 minutes of online fame.



Blogs

Mamba when you used to write it down in

your diary? Fuggedaboutit. In the '00s it became all the rage to record the minutiae of your life electronically, for all to see. Though there are many specialty blogs, focusing on interests from shopping to celebs to why you're fat, the brunt of the blog-o-rama was regular folks raging against the machine.



MySpace

MySpace emerged in 2003

and promptly attracted all manner of musicians wanting to promote their work. The site since has evolved into the home of regular folks for photo-posting, favorite-song-touting and event-publicizing.



Facebook

RedEye is: talking about Facebook.

The now ubiquitous site was founded in 2004 as a tool for college students, select high schools and businesses. Two years later, it opened the floodgates to all who cared to join the friending frenzy. Among Facebook's more TMI-friendly features is "update," the fill-in-the-blank space where you can share your musings.



Twitter

Ain't that Tweet? In 140 characters,

you can let friends and followers know what's up with you. Twitter, which launched in 2006, has grown 1,382 percent since last year, according to Nielsen statistics cited by PC Magazine—a jump from 475,000 unique visitors in February 2008 to 7 million last month.

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Baseball fans cry foul over weather

Chicago Tribune

The Boston Red Sox and Tampa Bay Rays were to reprise their 2008 American League Championship Series on Monday, but bad weather in Boston forced a postponement, so they joined the White Sox and the Kansas City Royals as spectators for baseball's official Opening Day.

Of course, had the game been scheduled for Florida, weather would not have been a concern, as the Rays play under a dome at Tropicana Field.

The Reds and Mets slogged through rain and mid-30s temperatures in Cincinnati and the Pirates and Cardinals endured Chicago-like conditions in St. Louis, while Seattle entertained Minnesota, a fellow dome team, and four warm-weather California teams played each other in sunny Southern California.

Is it any wonder that fans gripe about Major League Baseball's early-season schedule making no sense? Commissioner Bud Selig hears the complaint every year. And every year he explains that there's not much that can be done.

"We have to have balance in the schedules," Selig said. "Teams aren't as crazy about being home in April and May, but everybody understands that it's got to be equitable and they have to share the burden."

The White Sox have 12 home dates in April and 11 in May. The Cubs have 10 home dates in April and 18 in May, but just nine in June.

But it's baseball. Even if it's cold and rainy, what's not to like?



Bad news, chocolate lovers

Mars is pulling the plug on its Ethel's Chocolate Lounge concept in the

Chicago area, with five of its remaining six local outlets set to close by the end of the month.

A sixth Ethel's, in Skokie's Old Orchard mall, will eventually close too.

"The Chicago area stores have been underperforming so we made the decision to close them," said Alice Nathanson, a spokeswoman for the company.

The eight Ethel's outlets in Las Vegas will remain open, and the company's online retail site will continue to operate, Nathanson said. **TRIBUNE**



Oprah Winfrey arrives at the IOC celebration Monday at the Art Institute of Chicago. **NUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE**

Star-studded gala

Oprah, others attend Olympic event at Art Institute

Chicago Tribune

Wrapped in a thick cream shawl against the night chill, Oprah Winfrey walked a red carpet for Chicago's 2016 Olympic bid Monday night, stopping to talk with a wall of reporters, Hollywood-style, before heading into a gala for visiting international Olympics officials at the Art Institute of Chicago.

With a nod to about 40 anti-Olympics protesters chanting on the other side of Columbus Drive, the queen of talk, arriving a fashionable 30 minutes late, said a Chicago Olympics is "going to be big, it's huge, it's enormous. I don't understand what they're complaining about. It's only going to be good for everyone."

In all, 120 guests mingled with the International Olympic Committee's evaluation commission, which is sizing up Chicago's bid. The team's six-day visit will conclude Tuesday, and move on to rival

cities Tokyo, Rio de Janeiro and Madrid. A host city will be selected Oct. 2.

Mayor Daley, the bid's biggest booster, and dozens of children from a West Side dance troupe greeted commission members.

The guest list included Valerie Jarrett and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, both longtime Chicagoans with close ties to President Obama; Gov. Quinn; former House Speaker Dennis Hastert; Olympians Nadia Comaneci, Bart Conner and Jackie Joyner-Kersey; diplomats from a wide range of countries; and members of some of Chicago's wealthiest families, including J.B. Pritzker.

The party, closed to almost all media, was expected to provide a distilled taste of Chicago, including a tour of the Art Institute's new Modern Wing, and a performance by Chicago blues legends Buddy Guy and Koko Taylor.

The menu was created by Tony Mantuano, executive chef of Spiaggia, a favorite haunt of Michelle and Barack Obama.

Pothole protesters get their fill

For months, South Side residents have called the city complaining about the craterlike potholes along Garfield Boulevard near Throop Street. They say they've had no response and some have racked up hundreds of dollars in car repair bills.

So on Monday, they scheduled a protest in Englewood, demanding that the mayor fix potholes in all neighborhoods, not just at proposed 2016 Olympic sites visited by an international commission this week.

But moments before Monday's protest, Chicago Department of Transportation crews showed up, filling holes along a 12-block stretch of Garfield, including the area where the more than two dozen demonstrators had gathered.

"It looks like they didn't want us to make the news or let folks know about the potholes," said Denise Dixon, executive director of the community group Action Now. **TRIBUNE**

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Slum blaze

1 Bangladeshi firefighters rescue an injured woman Monday from a slum in Dhaka. More than 100 shanties burned down after a devastating blaze tore through the slum. GETTY IMAGES

Leverage for North Korea

2 North Korea's new rocket launch gives the communist country another bargaining chip in negotiations over dismantling its nuclear weapons program even if the flight wasn't completely successful, analysts said Monday.

Major transplants

3 Dozens of doctors working in teams over 30 hours performed the world's first simultaneous partial-face and double-hand transplant during the weekend, Paris' Public Hospital authority said Monday.

Iraq rape trial

4 The first former Army soldier to be charged as a civilian under a 2000 law that allows him to be prosecuted for alleged crimes committed overseas faces a trial of his peers—in a federal courtroom in Paducah, Ky.

Casey Anthony largely stoic

5 An Orlando woman accused of killing her 2-year-old daughter rarely showed emotion in jail but became unhinged after she found out a toddler's remains had been found near her family's home, according to interviews with jail staff released Monday.



OBAMA: NO WAR WITH ISLAM

ISTANBUL President Obama, making his first visit to a Muslim nation as president, declared Monday the U.S. "is not and will never be at war with Islam." Urging a greater partnership with the Islamic world in an address to the Turkish parliament in Ankara, Obama called the country an important ally in many areas, including the fight against terrorism. GETTY IMAGES

Student pilot nabbed after wild ride

6 ELLSINORE, Mo. A single-engine airplane flown away from an airport in Canada by a student pilot Monday was intercepted by jet fighters over Wisconsin but kept flying south through two more states. It finally landed on a road in southeastern Missouri and the pilot was apprehended.

The pilot hadn't communicated with authorities through the entire flight. The incident caused the Wisconsin Capitol in Madison to be evacuated as a precaution.

Mike Kucharek, spokesman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado, said the Cessna 172 was stolen from Thunder Bay, Ontario,

JUST IN CASE

In Madison, Department of Justice spokesman Bill Cosh said the state Capitol building was evacuated shortly after 5 p.m. as a precaution because of the airplane. Many workers had already left for the day. Gov. Jim Doyle was not in the building. He had been in Chicago Monday. People were allowed back in the building about an hour later.

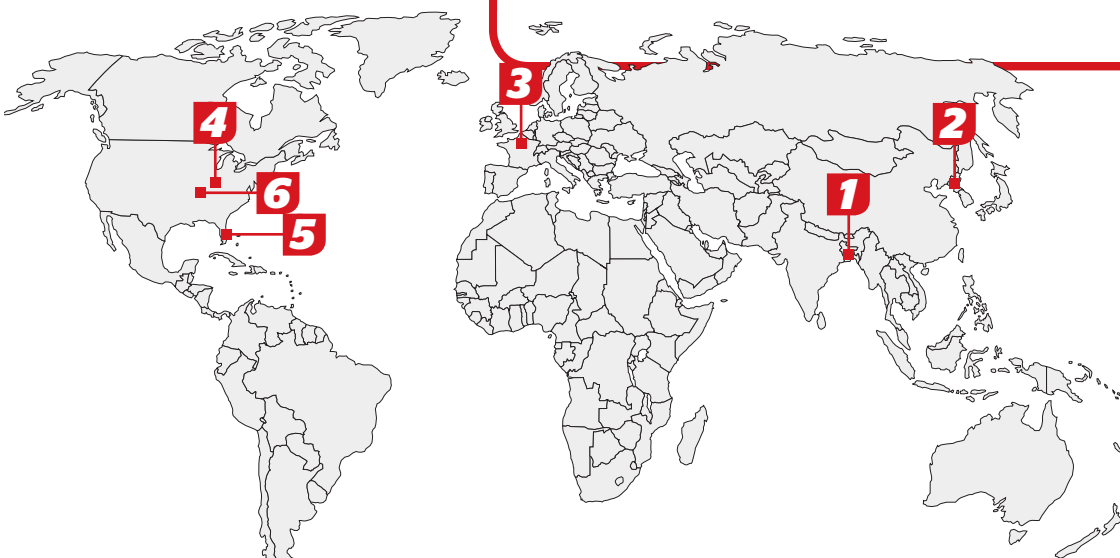
about 2:30 p.m. Monday. The pilot was flying erratically and didn't communicate with the fighter pilots from the Wisconsin Air National Guard who intercepted the

plane at the Michigan-Wisconsin border, he said.

The pilot had acknowledged seeing the F-16s but he didn't obey their nonverbal commands to follow them, Kucharek said.

The pilot finally landed the plane on a road in Ellsinore in far southeastern Missouri, said Laura Brown, a spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

Sgt. Marty Elmore, Missouri Highway Patrol public information officer, said a man was taken into custody about 9:30 p.m. in the Ellsinore area. He identified him as Adam Dylan Leon, 31, but didn't have a hometown for him.



Highway deaths down

U.S. highway deaths in 2008 fell to their lowest level in nearly 50 years, the latest government figures show, as the recession and \$4 per gallon gas meant people drove less to save more. Some preliminary figures released Monday:

37,313 Deaths from motor vehicle accidents in 2008

41,059 Deaths from motor vehicle accidents in 2007

36,285 Deaths from motor vehicle accidents in 1961

April snow

Heavy, wet snow knocked out electrical service to thousands of customers and snarled morning traffic Monday in northern Indiana and southeast Michigan. As much as 8 inches of snow fell in Michigan and 4 inches in Indiana.

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We asked RedEye's Twitter followers to tell us the best and worst thing about the NCAA title game, and we got some great answers as usual. **COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG.**

@turd_ferguson:
Best: Hoping UNC loses. Worst: Its on CBS, thats the old folks channel.

@wrigleygirl:
Best = it's over
Worst = it's over.

@LINTON:
Best part: Could be wicked close ... buzzer beater ... or it could be a wicked blowout ... I'm going with the latter ... Sorry, MSU

@feroz53:
Best thing is that UNC is in it. Bad thing: This is the

last game of the season and the starters are all leaving.

@ryandietz: Best thing: "One Shining Moment" at the end. Worst thing: Having to listen.

@spanky2369: Michigan State all the way.

@daveheidl: The amount of timeouts you get is one the worst things about the NCAA title game. Signed, Chris Webber.

@mkoehne: Best thing: "One Shining Moment." Worst Thing: Jim Nantz's puns.

@allykc: Best = UNC. Worst = Michigan State. Go Tar Heels!

@dparm: Worst thing: It's on at the same time as so much other great TV! Thank God for multi-tuner TiVo.

@scottymbush: Best part is the feel-good MSU story. Worst part are the TV timeouts (what a waste!).



North Carolina's Deon Thompson celebrates the Tar Heels' championship win Monday over Michigan State in Detroit. **AP**

NORTH CAROLINA 89, MICHIGAN ST. 72

HIGH HEELS

NORTH CAROLINA CRUSHES MICHIGAN ST. FOR ITS 5TH TITLE

The Philadelphia Inquirer

DETROIT In a game that matched two teams on a mission, North Carolina found itself fulfilling the wishes of four players who returned after a disappointing Final Four last year to cut down the nets at Ford Field.

The Tar Heels built a lead that grew to as many as 24 in the first half, then used it as a cushion to repel any attempts by Michigan State to come back, gaining an 89-72 victory over the Spartans to win the national championship Monday before a record crowd of 72,922.

Carolina (34-4) finished an impressive NCAA run that saw it defeat six opponents, including Villanova, by an average of 20.2 points, winning no game by fewer than 12. It marked the Tar Heels' fifth national championship, tying Indiana for third all-time, and enabled Roy Williams to become the 13th head coach to win more than one.

Wayne Ellington scored 17 of his 19 points in the first half when the Tar Heels built their sizable advantage and set a championship game record with 55 points.

Point guard Ty Lawson scored 21 points, dished out six assists and set a title game record with eight steals. Tyler Hansbrough added 18 points. Those three players, along with Danny Green, all resolved to return to the team and not test the NBA waters after losing in the national semifinals last

Poll position

txtable

How would you rate Monday's NCAA Tournament title game? Text "**rate**" and the number of your answer to **87708**. You'll get the results instantly. While you're at it, tell Whizzer what you thought of the game by texting "**whiz**" and your comment, followed by your full name and neighborhood, to **87708**.



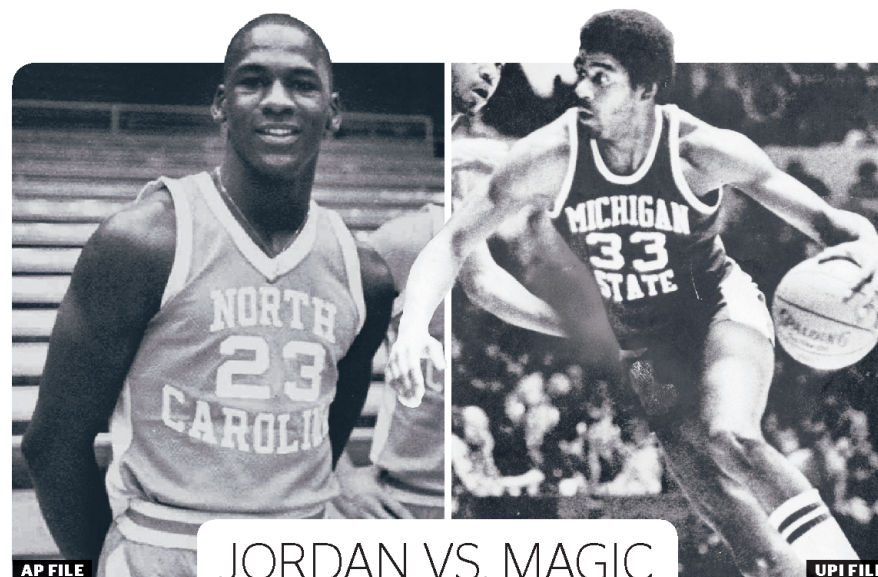
1. Instant classic
2. Pretty friggin' good
3. Not bad
4. Snoozefest

year. Their plan paid off in a big way.

The Spartans (31-7), who said they wanted to win to give the economically depressed Detroit area something to smile about, committed 14 turnovers in falling behind by 21 points at the half.

They couldn't muster a comeback of any significance early in the second half even though the Tar Heels made only three of their first 16 shots from the field in the opening 10-plus minutes.

The best they could do during this time was close to 68-53 on a free throw by Draymond Green with 9 minutes, 32 seconds left.



JORDAN VS. MAGIC

Superest superfan?

Michael "Air" Jordan. Magic Johnson. Both won college titles—Jordan at North Carolina, Johnson at Michigan State. Both won NBA titles. Both elevated the NBA when they arrived. Both are legends. But who had the college edge as they cheered on their alma maters in the NCAA title game? Time to tipoff a RedEye faceoff.

JORDAN: His clutch jump shot gave North Carolina the 1982 NCAA title over Patrick Ewing and the Georgetown Hoyas.



COLLEGE HEROICS

JOHNSON: He led the Spartans to the 1979 title against none other than Larry Bird, who single-handedly put Indiana State on the basketball map.

"It truly was a turning point in my life for the positive. If I missed it, I don't know where I would have been. That's the day my name went from Mike Jordan to Michael Jordan."



TITLE TALK

"It was Bird vs. Magic, Magic vs. Bird, that whole thing. It wasn't Indiana State vs. Michigan State anymore."

That 1982 title game drew 17.6 million viewers.



TV HIT

Almost 18 million people watched Magic beat Bird.

The most-watched video of Jordan's NCAA game-winner has been viewed 73,124 times.



YOUTUBE WONDERS

The final minute of Michigan State's 75-64 win has been viewed 144,250 times.

Jordan was named the NBA Rookie of the Year for the 1984-85 season.



YEAR AFTER COLLEGE

Magic couldn't top Bird in the NBA as Bird won the rookie award for 1979-80.

THE WINNER: JORDAN

It's Mike! That's not even counting his NBA success.

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Open this

Q101.1's Alex Quigley is a big Bears and Cubs fan, so he's been pretty happy recently. Listen to him from 7 to 10 p.m. weekdays.



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1 The White Sox will try to open the season again Tuesday. What's your forecast?	Same frozen butts, different day.	Since the pressure's on, the Sox may blow it.	Cold. Cloudy. Possibly wet. And that's just the fans.	Whatever Ginger Zee says it is. If she says 90 degrees, I go with it.	Dismal, with a side of Soxman's tears—make it rain! @salaminiz
2 How would you make baseball more cold-weather friendly?	Let the first- and third-base coaches serve hot chocolate.	Fewer flakes in the Cubs stands.	Players should be encouraged to warm up their bats in ... uh, never mind.	Gloves for everybody! Wait ... what?	Ground-rule double if you hit the snowman in short center field on the fly. @ChicagoVince
3 How short is your patience with the Cubs this season?	If they don't clinch by Wednesday, me and my angry mob are heading to Wrigley with pitchforks.	Like Lou Piniella, I have little patience at the plate.	I was booing them three weeks ago.	DeVito-esque.	What patience? Don't you mean impatience? @ritasaporta
4 What will it be like to have the Blackhawks in the playoffs again?	There is nothing as good as playoff hockey. Nothing.	Ask Leo. He's the one fond of showing off his beard.	I can add it just above "the economy" and "it's Wednesday" on my list of excuses to drink.	Seven years ago/men on ice bravely skated/the Cup shall be ours.	Angels sing, beer's free, and beautiful women everywhere. Heaven. @Dmysynal
5 What happened to the Detroit Pistons this season?	Isiah Thomas started secretly advising them.	When it comes to Detroit, I just always blame GM.	Allen. Iverson.	Their defensive pressure really suffered after ED-209 got suspended.	Looks like the automakers aren't the only ones struggling to put together a good quarter. @chelseahardass

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Jordan soars into the Hall

Associated Press

DETROIT Air Jordan has a new name: Hall of Famer.

Michael Jordan, NBA champ, MVP and Dream Teamer, was elected to the class of 2009 on Monday with David Robinson, John Stockton, Utah Jazz coach Jerry Sloan and Rutgers women's coach C. Vivian Stringer.

Induction is Sept. 10-12 in Springfield, Mass.

"I don't like being up here for the Hall of Fame because at that time your basketball career is completely over," Jordan said.

"I was hoping this day would be 20 more years, or actually go in when I'm dead and gone."

Jordan's Hall of Fame selection was a slam dunk after he retired as perhaps the greatest player in history. And he gave much of the credit Monday to his college coach.

"There's no way you guys would

have got a chance to see Michael Jordan play without Dean Smith," he said.

His soaring dunks, Nike commercials and "Air Jordan" nickname helped stamp him as one the most recognizable athletes around the world. He finished a 15-year career with the Bulls and Washington Wizards with 32,292 points—the third-highest total in league history. His final career average of 30.12 goes down as the best, just ahead of Wilt Chamberlain's 30.07.

The five-time NBA MVP won six titles with the Bulls and another in college with North Carolina.

On Monday, he joked that when he saw Stockton and Robinson he was ready to hit the court again.

"I always want to be able to have you thinking I can always go back and play the game of basketball and put your shorts on," Jordan said.

AIR FORCE

Michael Jordan was a lock to be elected to the basketball Hall of Fame. Or was he? RedEye breaks down the reasons Air Jordan might have been HOF material. **REDEYE**



41%

a Oh, yeah, those six titles.

b 24% Greatest Player. Ever.

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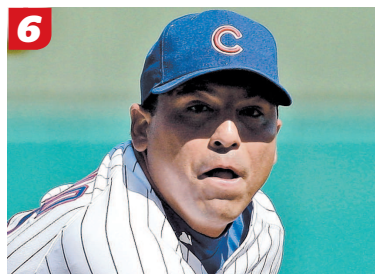
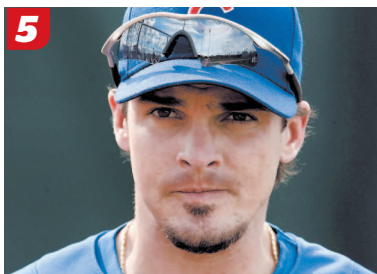
CUBS 4, HOUSTON 2

A spring in their step?

The Cubs' first-round flameout in the playoffs last season is old news. Or is it?

After being swept by the Dodgers, manager Lou Piniella and Co. preached that the Cubs just need to put it behind them and focus on winning again. So, did they?

Here's how some of the team's key players performed (or didn't) during that October fall and how they played in Monday night's opener at Houston.



ALFONSO SORIANO

1 THEN: The \$136 million leadoff man went 1-14 with four strikeouts for a cellar-dweller average of .071. Not a good return on the investment. **NOW:** Led off Monday's game with a home run on the second pitch he saw. Got another hit in the fifth but left five on base.

ARAMIS RAMIREZ

2 THEN: Power hitter experienced a power outage, going 2-11 with a .182 average. **NOW:** Went deep in the second inning—his 250th career homer—giving the Cubs a 2-0 lead. Finished the game 1-4.

GEOVANY SOTO

3 THEN: Also went 2-11, striking out three times. **NOW:** Threw out Miguel Tejada as he was trying to steal second in the second inning. At the plate, he went 1-4, striking out in the ninth with a chance to add an insurance run. Should have went with Geico.

KOSUKE FUKUDOME

4 THEN: Batted .100 against the Dodgers, with one hit and four strikeouts. **NOW:** Started the year the same way he ended 2008, going 0-4 with a strikeout and stranding a baserunner. That's the Fukudome we've come to know.

RYAN THERIOT

5 THEN: The Riot went 3-11 in the playoffs with three strikeouts for a .273 average. **NOW:** Hit a sacrifice fly for the team's only run in the third, extending the Cubs lead to 3-0.

CARLOS ZAMBRANO

6 THEN: Lost his only start vs. the Dodgers, accumulating a 4.26 ERA. He struck out seven, but it didn't help that much. **NOW:** Struck out six, gave up one earned run and five hits in six innings for a 1.50 ERA. He looked unhittable at times. It led to his first career win on Opening Day.



Buehrle

Sox, for starters

When Mark Buehrle fires his first pitch of Tuesday's season opener (barring another postponement) against Kansas City, he will tie White Sox legend Billy Pierce for the team record for most Opening Day starts at seven.

Here's a look at Buehrle's six Opening Day starts (2-1, 4.05 ERA):

April 1, 2002: Threw six innings of two-hit ball in Seattle before the bullpen almost let a 6-5 victory get away.

March 31, 2003: Allowed just six hits and two runs in seven innings in Kansas City but lost 3-0.

April 5, 2004: Went 6 ²/₃ innings and allowed three runs (two earned) before a spectacular bullpen collapse (six-run ninth) gave the host Royals a 9-7 victory.

April 4, 2005: Turned in eight innings of two-hit shutout pitching to blank Cleveland 1-0.

April 2, 2006: In MLB's rain-delayed Sunday night season opener, Buehrle went four innings and allowed three runs, but the host Sox routed Cleveland 10-4.

March 31, 2008: Battered for seven runs in 1 ²/₃ innings, but Sox took him off the hook by rallying for 7-7 tie before losing 10-8 in Cleveland.



BASEBALL
White Sox vs. Kansas City
1:05 p.m. CSN

The Sox try again to get their season started. They better bring their winter coats.



NBA
Bulls vs. New York
7:30 p.m. CSN+

The Knicks are in last place, so therefore they'll probably beat the Bulls.



NHL
Blackhawks at Nashville
7 p.m. CSN

The Hawks try to up their winning streak to four.

HOMETOWN HITS



John Salmons is resigned to playing with pain the remainder of this Bulls' run, but his left groin felt improved enough Monday for him to practice and get in extra shots afterward.



Southern Illinois women's basketball coach Dana Eikenberg is resigning. The school's athletics director said Eikenberg is stepping down after five seasons with the Salukis. Her resignation takes effect Thursday.

ONE-LINERS

» The graduation success rate for black athletes is 62 percent in 2009, up from 59 percent three years ago, according to a report released Monday by The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida. » L.A. Clippers forward Zach Randolph was arrested Monday on suspicion of drunken driving.

THE DIGIT

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Car number John Andretti will drive in this year's Indy 500 after it was announced NASCAR legend Richard Petty would field a team in IndyCar for the first time

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Seders to savor

Take a pass on cooking with these 5 carryout options

By Mindy Yahr

You know the shtick: dinner with friends and family, no bread for a week, Haggadah reading and a hunt for the afikomen. It's hard work to host a seder, and there's added stress this year because Passover falls in the middle of the work week. But you don't have to go it alone. Whether you need matzo ball soup for one or a seder feast for 12, these spots will do the cooking for you.

Steve's Deli

354 W. Hubbard St.
312-467-6868

Traditional offerings abound at this kosher-style River North deli with roots in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., but you'll also find original options such as orange-glazed chicken breasts, barbecue brisket, chocolate-banana cake and whole roasted turkeys with matzo stuffing.

Pricing: \$7.99 per chicken breast or half-chicken, \$99 for a whole turkey; a la carte options range from \$1.79 for a single matzo ball to \$16 for a quart of honey-glazed carrots or peas and mushrooms; desserts range from \$1.79 for individual macaroons to \$30 for a flourless chocolate souffle cake
How to order: Order by phone or fax (312-467-6872). Pick up 9 a.m.-8 p.m. daily; pickup before 5 p.m. preferred. Available through April 16.

Fox & Obel

401 E. Illinois St. 312-410-7301
This Streeterville gourmet grocer puts its own spin on Pesach classics, so you'll find options such as gefilte fish with fresh beet and horseradish puree and apple cider-braised beef brisket. Select items are available at the prepared foods counter if you forget to call ahead.
Pricing: \$200 for a full dinner for six, \$400 for 12; a la carte options range from \$8 for a quart of matzo ball soup to \$99 for a spit-roasted leg of lamb (serves 8-10)

How to order: 48 hours' notice

required. Call 312-379-0133. Pick up 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Available through April 12.

Ashkenaz Deli

12 E. Cedar St. 312-944-5006
It's like Passover at Grandma's when this Gold Coast standby does the cooking. Ashkenaz offers full dinners with a choice of roast beef, turkey, chicken or brisket; noodle, potato or matzo kugel; matzo ball soup; tzimmes; and chopped liver.

Pricing: \$16.95 per person
How to order: Two days' notice preferred. Pick up 7 a.m.-7 p.m. daily. Available through April 16.

Eleven City Diner

1112 S. Wabash Ave. 312-212-1112
Matzo ball soup is a year-round favorite at this classic South Loop diner, and Passover brings even more specials to the table. Try the slow-roasted brisket or whitefish salad, or go for gefilte fish made in house by owner Brad Rubin's mom.

Pricing: \$18.95 per person for brisket; \$5.95-\$13.95 per pound for sides such as whitefish salad, mashed and sweet mashed potatoes; a la carte items range from \$1.95 per matzo ball to \$28 for a flourless chocolate cake
How to order: 24 hours' notice required. Pick up 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 8 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Saturday; 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday. Available through April 16.



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Pricing: \$4-\$13 for individual portions of a la carte items such as cabbage

soup and whitefish; \$30-\$50 for salads, entrees and sides portioned for up to 12 people

How to order: 48 hours' notice required. Order by phone or e-mail (catering@goddessandgrocer.com). Pick up 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday; pickup also available by request at Gold Coast (25 E. Delaware Pl.) and Bucktown (1646 N. Damen Ave.) locations. Available through April 16.

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best bets

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Stitch 'n' Bitch

Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-280-2660.

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Windy City Gay Idol

Jackhammer, 6406 N. Clark St.

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Free wings with beverage purchase (4-7 p.m.), \$3 Bacardi cocktails, \$7 domestic pitchers; 4301 N. Western Ave. 773-588-1110.

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\$6.99 half-slab of ribs, \$3 Sapporo drafts; 2048 W. Armitage Ave. 773-227-6700.

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\$3 beer of the month, \$3 domestics, \$5 well drinks, \$5 SoCo Lime shots; 440 N. State St. 312-670-0335.

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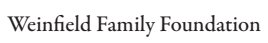
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International 'Academy'

Local band The Academy Is... lets us in on their South American tour and what's next

By Michael Schmitt

FOR REDEYE

With a heavy schedule of intercontinental touring, it's no wonder that The Academy Is... bassist Adam Siska is ill.

But a cold doesn't keep Siska, nor his bandmates, from giving their all during their current acoustic tour, "Snakes and Suits."

"I always like to be on tour," he said. "I like doing this. Even when I'm getting shaky I just tend to kick it up a notch."

Siska took some time between shows to discuss the tour, South America and the band's future releases.

You guys are in the middle of your "Snakes and Suits" tour after finishing your "Hello, My Name Is..." tour. How are you holding up?

[I'm] kind of fighting off a cold. ... I'm doing all right though [and] looking forward to coming back to Chicago. I always like to be on tour.

What separates a "Snakes and Suits" tour from a normal The Academy Is... performance?

Shows have been pretty laid-back. They're acoustic shows so we're not running on, prancing around on-stage as usual. More sitting in a stool, playing the harmonica, stuff like that. ... We're playing songs from every record, as well as a couple cover songs every night. That's been a lot of fun because I think it's given us a chance not only to play songs we think are great, but some of our fans—especially some of the younger ones—don't maybe know some of the songs that we're covering.

The band played in Chile. What was that like?

I'd say that was the best moment of the year so far. We'd never been down there. We'd been to many continents and many countries, but I think at this point in our careers, to go somewhere new ... and to be met with such a warm welcome like we were met with down there, it was everything we needed. ... I had heard stories that South American fans were really crazy, but they reminded us why we play to begin with. It was really an exciting thing for the fans as much as it was for us. That was great.

Have you found time to work on new material?

We haven't booked studio time, but only a couple of days after we finished recording the last record we were already writing new material and talking about the next album. It's really kind of the thing you can't fight; you have to always be

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The Academy Is...

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Saturday

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The Academy Is...

working on something and moving forward. We don't have any immediate plans for it, but maybe we'll surprise our fans and kind of duck into the studio for the weekend and crank something out.

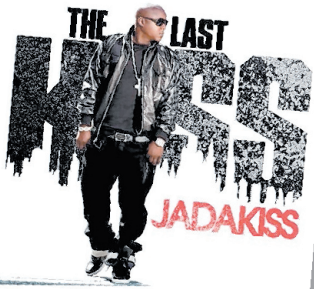
Can you give us any hints about what the new stuff might sound like?

All I can say at this point, because personally I really don't know 'cause it's so far off, but I feel like we never know what a record's going to sound like until it's done. It's definitely going to be different again. ... We don't want to play it safe.

We want to have some fun and take the music wherever it takes us.

You're playing the Bottom Lounge on Saturday. Excited?

We haven't played Chicago in 2009 yet. We're looking forward to coming back and playing the Bottom Lounge. We used to play at the old Bottom Lounge. ... I actually haven't been to the new one; I'm really looking forward to it. Also, I'd be really happy if the Bulls could pull off a playoff for us. I'll take one thing at a time though. I'm looking forward to coming home. **MICHAEL SCHMITT IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

**ALBUM****The Last Kiss**
Jadakiss

Jadakiss is as real as it gets—with an idiosyncratic world view that can't be faked on his new album. One minute, he's channeling Men Without Hats with Pharrell ("Stress Ya"), the next he's outlining his hip-hop travails ("Things I've Been Through"). He can adopt children's rhymes (the irresistibly catchy "Who's Real"), and he can tackle big political questions ("What If," a series of possibly controversial hypotheticals like his hit "Why"). Even more impressively, 'Kiss holds his own with guests Mary J. Blige, Nas, Jazmine Sullivan and Ghostface Killah, as "The Last Kiss" puts him in their league. **GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY**

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Leary on
'Rescue Me'
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TV**Rescue Me**
9 p.m. Tuesday, FX

I've watched the first four seasons of this darkly comic series only sporadically. But if Season 5 were a book, I'd have to say that I couldn't put it down. I stayed up nearly all night watching. Denis Leary and his messed-up firefighting crew revisit the 9-11 tragedy when a French author interviews them for a book project. Despite that bleak premise, "Rescue Me" is one of the funniest shows on TV. I didn't remember that. **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

Fringe*8 p.m. Tuesday, Fox*

Fox's creepy thriller comes back with more than a bang after "American Idol"-forced extended hiatus. FBI agent Olivia Dunham (Anna Torv) and crew help a boy empath found living underground. He in turn helps Olivia hunt for a serial killer called "The Artist," who likes to surgically alter women—after he kills them. And that boy's bald head? Fans who know the show's mythology will totally see where that's going. Fun stuff! **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

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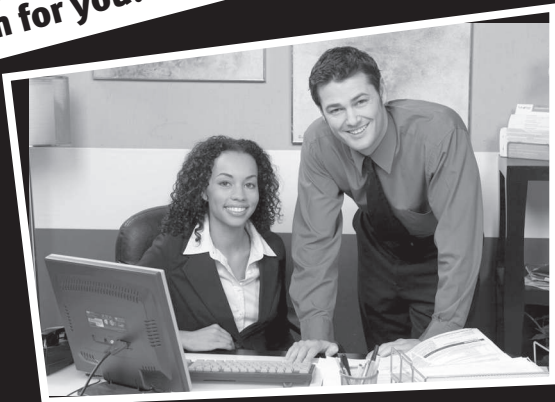


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IDENTITY THEFT REPORT:

IDENTITY THEFT UP 22%, HITS 5-YEAR HIGH

Identity theft protection leader strikes back with free protection offer for all

A recent survey by Javelin Strategy & Research reported 9.9 million Americans were victims of identity theft last year, an increase of 22 percent over the previous year. Another study cited in the Wall Street Journal said the cost of breaches to U.S. companies was also on the rise, with the average total per-incident cost in 2008 rising to \$6.65 million*.

The fact is, that in the wake of the global economic crisis, identity theft has become big business.

“That’s why I’m offering everyone with a Social Security number 30 free days of our industry-leading identity theft protection service,” said Todd Davis, CEO of LifeLock.

Immediately upon enrollment, members are protected by LifeLock’s \$1 Million Total Service Guarantee.

Davis is the CEO who displays his real Social Security number in LifeLock’s advertising. “I know it seems crazy, and no one else should ever give out their personal information unnecessarily, but I do it because I’m confident that LifeLock works.” Davis said.

“Friendly Frauds” are rising, and costlier.

According to the Javelin survey, more than one in every ten victims knew the person who stole their identity. To make matters worse, “friendly frauds” went undetected longer, had longer periods of misuse and cost consumers who knew the perpetrator more.

It also appears identity thieves are moving dramatically faster than they used to when it comes to actually using

the stolen information. The survey revealed the information stolen being used by thieves in less than a week of the theft rose from 33% to 71% over the past three years.

Who is at Risk?

In this information age, anyone could be at risk, but women are 26% more likely to be victims than men.

The survey also named higher income consumers (households with combined incomes of \$75,000 or more) and Latinos as being at higher risk.

“And we haven’t even started talking about young people and children,” Davis said.

The problem with minors being the target of identity predators is it can take years until the theft is discovered.

“That’s why I feel it’s so important for everyone to be protected, and why I hope everyone takes advantage of this free opportunity,” Davis added.

So, how does it work?

LifeLock combines a proactive approach designed to prevent and detect identity theft, with 24/7 customer care that works to remove the stress, anxiety and countless hours of trying to repair the damage that usually accompanies identity theft.

“At the end of the day, what LifeLock is really providing is protection and peace of mind,” Davis said. “And I think we do it better than anyone else.”

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Todd Davis, CEO of identity theft protection company LifeLock, demonstrates his confidence by sharing his Social Security number: 457-55-5462. To protect yourself FREE for 30 days visit lifelock.com and use promotion code TRIBUNE10.

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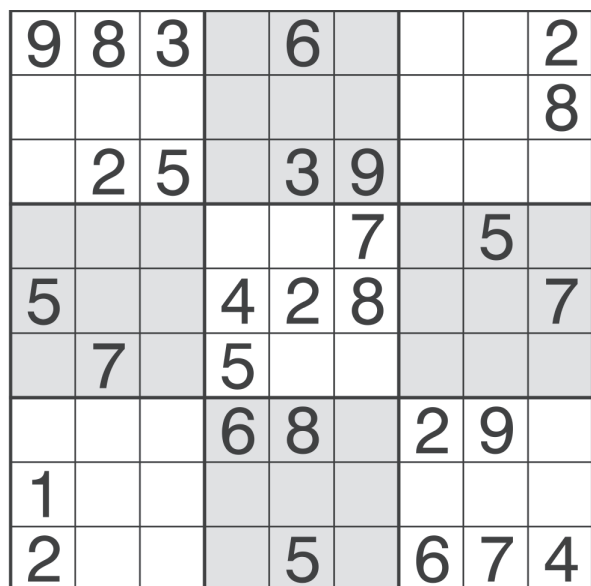
■ “I’m a former chief of police of a major city. I knew identity theft was a \$50 billion a year business, and a prime focus of organized crime. But they got me anyway. Even though I was a senior law enforcement official, it took weeks to clear my name. I decided: never again. A reporter recommended LifeLock to me and I tried them out. I’ve never had a problem since. I highly recommend them to you.” **Bobby Jo Harris**

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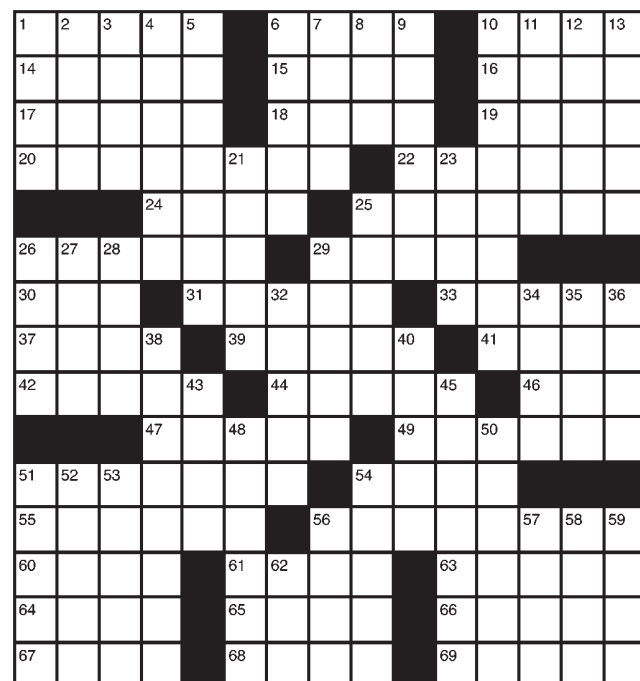
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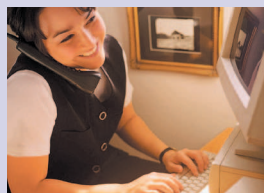
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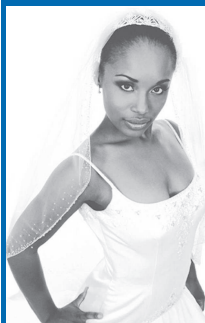
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CHRIS BROWN ENTERS HIS NOT GUILTY PLEA

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Chris Brown pleaded not guilty Monday to threatening and assaulting Rihanna.

The 19-year-old R&B singer appeared in an L.A. courtroom alongside his lawyer, Mark Geragos.

Brown entered his plea, speaking in a soft voice, while his mother sat in the first row, red-eyed.

He was charged in March by L.A. County prosecutors with felony assault likely to cause great bodily injury and making criminal threats. He was arrested nearly a month earlier after police said he was involved in an early morning altercation with a woman who identified the "Run It!" singer as her attacker.

Court records list Brown's victim as "Robyn F." Rihanna's real name is Robyn Rihanna Fenty.

The 21-year-old "Umbrella" singer was represented by attorney Donald Etra, who said after the hearing that the singer is in "fine spirits" and spending time with her family in Barbados.

Etra also said Rihanna is hoping that a deal can be worked out before a preliminary hearing or trial in the case, but that she will testify if required to.

"She would be pleased if this was over quickly," Etra said.

Etra said Brown's plea was "totally expected."

If convicted, Brown could be sentenced to probation or nearly five years in prison.

Neither side has publicly addressed Brown and Rihanna's relationship since the incident.

But there has been discernible fallout and backlash since Brown's arrest. Neither singer performed at the Grammy Awards hours after the alleged beating, and both also were no-shows for the Kids' Choice Awards show held March 28.

Sponsors have stopped using Brown, some radio stations have stopped playing his music and some broadcasters have even started playing an anti-Chris Brown song created by the little-known dance group Smoke Jumpers.

Chris Brown appears Monday during his arraignment on charges of felony assault in L.A. He is accused of threatening and assaulting star Rihanna. AP

THE DIGITS:

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118,265

The number of times the Smoke Jumpers' anti-Chris Brown clip "My Flow So Tight (Anti-Breezy) Chris Brown" had been viewed by Monday evening

3:30 p.m.

Time Brown entered the courtroom wearing a black sweater, tie and pants, according to People magazine

April 29

Date of Brown's next hearing, according to People

21

Age of Rihanna

19

Age of Brown

58

Days since the alleged Feb. 8 attack in question



CELEB NEWS TICKER

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Zac Efron

The "High School Musical" vet has signed on to host this week's episode of "Saturday Night Live," RedEye's "Show Patrol" blogger, Curt Wagner, reports.



Robert Pattinson

Rumor has it the "Twilight" star won't be hosting "SNL" any time soon—even after an online petition was launched to get him on the program.

AP
PHOTOS

THE VELVET ROPE

Coleman unplugged

Gary Coleman complained about his upcoming movie "Midgets vs. Mascots" in a YouTube rant, the New York Post reports. "I shouldn't be in this movie in the first place, but the mortgage keeps coming," Coleman said. "This movie almost cost me my relationship with my wife. It has caused me grief. ... I'm going to bash my fists right in my agent's face."

7.7 million

Average number of viewers who tune into "30 Rock" this season, according to Nielsen estimates and reported by variety.com.

Character acting

Sex! Drugs! Ron Weasley? Rupert Grint, the redhead you came to know and love in the "Harry Potter" movies, is following in Daniel Radcliffe's footsteps and moving to edgier fare. A trailer for Grint's new flick "Cherrybomb," in which he throws punches and gets shirtless, is pretty darn spicy.

Twitter treasure hunt

Lily Allen (below) just took tweeting to another level. The singer hides tickets to her shows at different cities and hints at their location on Twitter, Newsday's Pet Rock blog reports. Allen then hides nearby as she watches fans find them. An example of a recent clue, posted by Allen, according to Newsday: "San Francisco is known to house many a mincer, you'll find these stuck to a pincer."



"I want to thank you for finding ways to say I'm ugly and stupid, week after week."

—**Tori Spelling**, thanking Chelsea Handler for consistently ragging on her on "Chelsea Lately" at Bravo's A-List Awards. The show airs April 15.

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Super power play

James Kyson Lee can shoot lightning bolts from his hands on TV.

But in real life the "Heroes" star would want a power less threatening than that of his character, Ando.

"I would love instant metabolism, because I love eating," he told RedEye during an exclusive interview. "Having the freedom to eat whatever I want and not having to worry about the consequences would be awesome—awesome power!"

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